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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday — 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

NORMAL MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 7:00 pm

Friday: 7:55 am

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Anytime by request

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron or Deacon Larry. For BAPTISM INSTRUCTION date and time check the bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Make arrangements at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set wedding date prior to meeting with Fr. Ron.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA classes run from September to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Call the parish office to register.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Religious Education Classes for the elementary students from August through May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September through March. Adult Enrichment: Bible Study, Spiritual development, missions and retreats. Check the bulletin for details.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister. Fr. Ron will visit the Homebound monthly. Notify the parish office about people in the hospital or shut-ins. If you are, or will be hospitalized because of a surgery or serious illness, contact the pastor to receive the Sacrament of Healing.

Director of Music & Liturgy Chairperson

Mrs. Joyce Gasser 419-236-0816

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Ms. Mary Luersman 419-286-2306

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Mrs. Norma Maag 419-286-2265

Cemetery

Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

Prayer Line

Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office to register. **ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**





Intentions

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

One family per mass only. Do not put mass intentions requests in the offertory before speaking to the office.

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| Sat | 10/11 | 10:00 am | For the Sick |
| | | 5:00 pm | Harry & Anna Becker Family |
| Sun | 10/12 | 7:30 am | For Our Parish |
| | | 9:30 am | Don Meyer |
| Mon | 10/13 | | |
| Tue | 10/14 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6:00 pm | Confessions |
| | | 7:00 pm | Ed Michel |
| Wed | 10/15 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6:00 pm | Confessions |
| | | 7:00 pm | Jack Berelsman |
| Thu | 10/16 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6:00 pm | Confessions |
| | | 7:00 pm | Eva Warnecke Family |
| Fri | 10/17 | 7:55 am | For the Religious Ed Students |
| Sat | 10/18 | 5:00 pm | Todd Bidlack, Tony Davis, Michael Klein |
| Sun | 10/19 | 7:30 am | For Our Parish |
| | | 9:30 am | In Thanksgiving |

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Mon | 10/13 | Rom 1:1-7 | Lk 11:29-32 |
| Tue | 10/14 | St. Callistus Rom 1:16-25 | Lk 11:37-41 |
| Wed | 10/15 | St. Teresa or Jesus Rom 2 1-11 | Lk 11:42-46 |
| Thu | 10/16 | St. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque Rom 3:31-30 | Lk 11:47-54 |
| Fri | 10/17 | St. Ignatius of Antioch Rom 4:1-8 | Lk 12:1-7 |
| Sat | 10/18 | St. Luke 2Tm 4:10-17 | Lk 10:1-9 |

Diocesan Publications will be helping Our Parish by publishing an 8-page, full color bulletin. You can help us by purchasing an advertisement, which will cover the printing cost. If you own a business or would like to personally support the bulletin, please contact the parish office. Representatives from Diocesan Publications will also be visiting our parish soon to invite advertisers to support our new bulletin. In addition, we are creating a new section on the back cover of the bulletin titled "*In Memory Of.*" If you would like your loved ones remembered, you may sponsor a line for \$75 per year. Please note, space is limited. Contact the parish office for more information.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, 10/14: Olivia Amstutz, Jacob Meyer, Madelyn Neidert
 Wed, 10/15: Mason Kohls, Logan Kreitemeyer, Bishop Bruskotter
 Thu, 10/16: Alivia Wrasman, Ava Maag, Aiden Hoersten
 Fri, 10/17: Mason Osting, Weston Swick, Quinn Askins

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: October 18&19:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Cayden Swick, Derek Hark, Reese Hellman
 7:30 am Wyatt Gasser, Brooklyn Tumlinson, Iris Tenwalde
 9:30 am Amelia Orwick, Tenley & Addison Sarka

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am James Schroeder, Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken, Denise Sukup, Tereasa Wurst, Madie Anspach

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm Alex Horstman, Kevin Leis
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Tony Recker, Chad Recker



October 5, 2025

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| Envelopes | \$ 1,684.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,192.93 |
| Maintenance | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Priest Retirement | \$ 20.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 19.47 |

YTD as of October 5, 2025 = **\$ 57,135.36**

YTD Over Budget = \$ 2,135.36

THANK YOU for you for your continued support.

Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contributions deducted directly from your bank account. Forms on our parish website or contact the parish office.

Remembering all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith: The crosses on the wall in the narthex, list the names of our parishioners who have died since last All Soul's Day. The crosses will remain on the wall until our annual **Mass for All Souls' at 9:30 am on Sunday, Nov. 2.** At that Mass, the crosses will be given to the family members. Our deceased loved ones are still part of our Communion of Saints, and they remain in our prayers as we do in theirs. Their life has not ended; it has only changed.

A Catholic Evangelist & Storyteller, Fr. Jim Sichko is coming Nov 2, 3 and 4 at 7:00 pm. Fr. Jim's missionary zeal brings Jesus and the Gospels to life through incredible stories of faith and God's providence. Join us each night and invite your friends and family.

Sunday School classes for 2025/26 will begin on Sunday, Nov. 2 and run through Mar. 29. Classes are held during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass, and all children ages 3-PreK are welcome to attend. Enrollment forms are available at all church entrances. Forms are due Oct. 26. For more information contact Laura Tenwalde at 419-303-5752 or lauratenwalde@gmail.com.

Fort Jennings American Legion Auxiliary Election night supper will be held on Tuesday, November 4, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Drive-thru, carry-out only is available. The menu includes baked steak, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, roll and dessert. The cost is \$12. Call the American Legion (419-286-2100) to reserve your meal. Reservations must be made by October 31. The Legion is asking all Auxiliary members to donate desserts before 2:00 pm on November 4.

Musketeer Mania will be held on October 18 at Whisky Wine and Roses in Fort Jennings. Doors open at 3:00 pm for the OSU game. Raffle start at 6:00pm. Tickets are still available at the door. Your \$50 tickets include your entry into the raffle and food.

2026 Men's Welcome Retreat: We invite men in the parish and all surrounding parishes to come join us for the 2026 Men's Welcome retreat, to be held at Glandorf St. John's parish center. Jan. 31 through Feb.1, from 8:00 am Saturday morning until 3 pm Sunday. Set aside this weekend to grow deeper in your faith and become a happier, more fulfilled person. This retreat is great for adult men 18+. It's an incredible, life-changing experience that will help you discover what you're missing from your life. For more info or to sign up please contact: Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324.

Crafters needed for the Ottoville Rosary Altar Society Craft Show! The craft show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Please contact Marie Warnecke at (419) 453-3055 for additional information.

On behalf of Catholic Charities USA, please know how grateful we are for the most generous gift in the amount of \$2,735 from St. Joseph's Church to support our relief and recovery efforts. 100% of your donation will go directly toward rebuilding the Texas communities.

Bible Trivia:

Jesus said that God loves every person so much that even the "what" on us are numbered?

Answers can be found on the back page of the bulletin.



REFLECTIONS *of a Country Priest*

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of ten lepers who cry out to Jesus for healing. Each of them receives the gift they longed for—but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks. Jesus asks, "*Where are the other nine?*" Gratitude and faith are deeply intertwined. The grateful heart not only receives a gift—it recognizes the Giver.

During my recent pilgrimage through Europe—visiting sacred sites from Lourdes to Assisi, and finally to Rome—I was deeply struck by the countless ways God pours out His blessings upon us. In Lourdes, as we prayed for healing at the Grotto of Our Lady, I saw the faces of pilgrims radiant with peace. In Assisi, standing at the tomb of St. Francis and before the tiny church he rebuilt after hearing Christ's call to "Rebuild My Church," I was reminded that gratitude builds up the Body of Christ as much as bricks or mortar ever could. In Rome, walking through the Holy Doors during this Jubilee Year reminded me how every grace we receive leads us closer to the heart of Jesus—if we return to thank Him.

This week, Jesus might be asking each of us the same question He asked the lepers: "*Where are you?*"

- Have you paused lately to thank Him for the small, quiet miracles in your life?
- Are there graces from the past weeks—moments of healing, friendship, or forgiveness—that you have not yet recognized as His gift?
- How might you "return" to Him this week—with a heart of gratitude expressed in prayer, service, or through the Eucharist itself, which means *thanksgiving*?

As we look ahead, I invite you to join us here at St. Joseph Parish for a special time of renewal and gratitude. Our upcoming Parish Mission—"60 Minutes for Jesus" with Fr. Jim Sichko—will be held November 1–4.

- Fr. Jim will preach at all weekend Masses (Nov. 1 & 2)
- He will then offer a one-hour mission presentation at 7 p.m. on November 2, 3, and 4

Fr. Jim is known across the country for his storytelling, humor, and heartfelt preaching that touches the soul. Let's make it a parish-wide commitment to attend, to invite others, and to be renewed in the joy of the Gospel—just as that one grateful leper returned to give thanks and was told, "*Your faith has saved you.*"

May this mission be a moment for our parish family to return to Jesus, give thanks together, and grow in faith and love.

I pray that this upcoming week, you and your family will be blessed in many ways!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Ron

Don't Forget You Are a Saint in the Making.

Annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Ottawa Rex Pavillion. Speeches begin at 10:00 am. Walk begins at 11:00 am. Come support the Pro-life Movement.



Annual Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass to be held Sunday, October 26. Mass will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Leipsic St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 State Street, Leipsic. All are welcome at this special Mass. This will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation. For questions, call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065 or email scembrace@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook: St. Catherine's Embrace Putnam County.

"Don't forget, you are a Saint in the making!"